

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2003. The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner, Naoko Slack, for the personal interview that occurred on March 18, 2003 with the Applicant's representative, David W. Dorton. Claims 1, 3 and 12 were discussed, and the Examiner agreed that claims 1 and 12 were not taught by the prior art of record, as discussed more fully below. Applicant notes that the Interview Summary indicates that dependent claim 11 was discussed, however, Applicant believes this is a typographical error, as independent claims 1 and 12 were discussed during the interview.

Claims 1-24 remain pending in the application and stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 23 and 24 have been amended to correct minor informalities. In view of the personal interview conducted on March 18, 2003, Applicant submits that claims 1-24 are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims.

Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-8, 11-19, 23 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,257,644 to Young in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,603,546 to DeSir, Sr. Claims 1, 12 and 23 are the only independent claims of this rejected group. Claims 1 and 12 are directed to a trim molding for circumscribing a glass panel fixed within an opening of an automobile and an

automotive glass installation, respectively. Each of claims 1 and 12 recite "double-sided adhesive foam tape disposed on at least one of said back wall, said first sidewall, and said second sidewall, within said interior of said channel section, to bond the glass panel to the molding."

Claim 23 is directed to a method of installing a fixed glass panel within an opening of an automobile, including "providing a trim molding having a channel section, the channel section including double-sided adhesive foam tape."

Accordingly, the structure of the trim molding used in the method is similar to the structure of the trim molding of claims 1 and 12.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections of claims 1, 12 and 23 because neither Young nor DeSir, Sr. teaches or suggests an adhesive foam tape as recited in claims 1 and 12, or a method of installing a glass panel using a trim molding having double-sided adhesive foam tape as set forth in claim 23. During the interview on March 18, 2003, the Examiner agreed that neither Young nor DeSir, Sr. teaches double-sided adhesive foam tape, as noted in the Interview Summary. Applicant further traverses the rejections of claims 1 and 12 because Young does not teach a trim molding having a back wall and first and second substantially opposing sidewalls as recited in claims 1 and 12. As noted in the Interview Summary dated March 18, 2003, the Examiner agreed that Young does not teach a back wall and first and second opposing sidewalls. For at least the reasons stated above, Applicant submits that claims 1 and 12 are in condition for

allowance and respectfully requests that the rejections of claims 1 and 12 be withdrawn.

Claims 2-8 and 11 depend from independent claim 1, and claims 13-19 depend from independent claim 12 and therefore are in condition for allowance for at least the reasons stated above for claims 1 and 12. Moreover, these dependent claims add one or more features in combination with the independent claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of claims 2-8, 11 and 13-19 be withdrawn.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claim 23 over Young and DeSir, Sr. because neither of these references teaches a double-sided adhesive foam tape, as noted above. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 23 be withdrawn. Claim 24 has been amended to correct a typographical error with regard to claim dependency. In this regard, claim 24 now properly depends from claim 23 and therefore is in condition for allowance for at least the reasons stated above for claim 23. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 24 be withdrawn.

Claims 9, 10, and 20-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Young in view of DeSir, Sr., and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,859,468 to Murachi et al. Claims 9 and 10 depend from independent claim 1, and claims 20-22 depend from independent claim 12. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections of claims 9, 10, and 20-22 for at

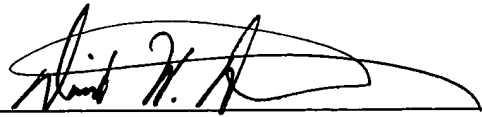
least the reasons stated above for claims 1 and 12. Specifically, neither Young nor DeSir, Sr. teaches a double-sided adhesive foam tape as stated above and noted in the Interview Summary dated March 18, 2003. The combination of Young and DeSir, Sr. with Murachi et al. does not cure this deficiency. Specifically, Murachi et al. does not teach the use of double-sided adhesive foam tape in a trim molding for circumscribing a glass panel to be fixed within an opening of an automobile, as set forth in claims 1 and 12. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of claims 9, 10, and 20-22 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims and remarks given herein, Applicant respectfully asserts that this case is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes any detailed language of the claims requires further discussion, the Examiner is respectfully asked to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the matter may be promptly resolved. The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is appreciated.

Applicant is of the opinion that no additional fee is due as a result of this amendment. If any charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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